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# GET IN MY BELLY

#### **By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE**

Get ready for your food coma. Nothing says Fourth of July like a feast at a picnic or backyard barbecue. So what will Chicagoans be scarfing down this year? If they're like the rest of the country, it's what you might expect, according to data released this week by research firm NPD Group.

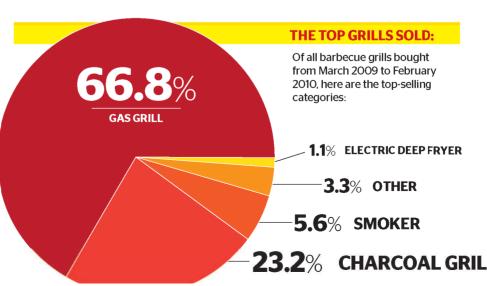
Chances are you're eating at someone else's house or outdoors (20 percent of snack food on the Fourth is eaten away from home, according to the data).

And be sure to kiss the chef—he's likely using a gas grill since that's consumers' grill of choice this year, followed by charcoal grills. The top five foods he's likely grilling are burgers, steak, chicken, hot dogs and sausage.

The smorgasbord of food over the holiday weekend undoubtedly will include treats for the healthy and gluttonous. The top two snack foods: fresh fruit and potato chips. Other top snacks to munch on are tortilla chips, doughnuts, salsa, dips and chewy candy. SOURCE: THE NPD GROUP



## THE TOP FRESH FRUIT CONSUMED: 2 ) Apples Watermelon **Bananas Strawberries**



#### **SPARKLER MOTION**

Little-known facts about those fantastically hot fireworks stand-ins.

- » Fireworks legally available for purchase in Illinois are greatly limited by state law. But even the widely available sparklers, the seemingly secondwimpiest member of the fireworks family (see: snappers), can cause serious injuries if used improperly. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the sparking novelties burn at 1,200 degrees, one and a half times the temperature at which glass melts.
- »Sixteen percent of all fireworks injuries occur when sparklers burn peoples' hands or legs, according to the association.
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# It's ithnics time in U.S. culture

So, I get this call last month from my mother, who is happily retired in Florida, and she asks me if I've noticed how many Indians there are in American media lately.

Clarification: I am of East Indian descent (so she meant dot, not feather). Whether it's TV sitcoms, commercials or big budget movies such as "Avatar," there seems to be a sudden surge of friendly brown faces on the air. And I'm not just talking about Dr. Sanjay Gupta on CNN, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal complaining about BP or the latest spelling bee champion.

It is common knowledge that the most famous Indian on the planet is Apu from "The Simpsons"; he's on the TV in every country, every week.

But then I saw the comedian Aziz Ansari hosting the MTV Movie Awards and commercials for NBC's new show based on a call center in India titled "Outsourced" and started to think there might be something to my mom's observations. My quick checklist shows that Indian-Americans have appeared on "The Office," "Entourage," "The Big Bang Theory," "30 Rock," "Parks and Recreation," "Rules of Engagement," "Royal Pains," "Lost," "Glee," "Heroes," "ER," "House" and even kids' cartoons like "Phineas & Ferb," to mention a few.

In films, we have "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," the recent Oscarwinning "Slumdog Millionaire," M. Night Shyamalan's Hitchcockian cameos in his movies and Kal Penn in the "Harold and Kumar" series.

We're also sprinkled all over my industry—advertising—generally playing the parts of nerdy researchers, compassionate doctors and technically proficient scientists. And to think that just a while back, the only Indians most Americans had heard of was Mahatma Gandhi, Ravi Shankar or the caricatures perpetuated in movies such as "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," "Octopussy" and "Short Circuit."

Full disclosure: In 1999, I did an acting cameo on the TV series "Early Edition" that was shot in Chicago—playing a stereotypical cab driver.

Are we the token ethnics (or rather ithnics) for the 2010s? One answer is that Indians are the new culture du jour to make a entertainment more current and colorful. "What can Brown do for you" and make your show more in tune with the times? Historically, there has been a pattern of various cultures temporarily blowing up into the lexicon and mainstream culture for a time.

My hope is that, during the past 25 years, Indians have mainstreamed and gone from Indian-Americans to simply Americans. Most people I know have had daily interaction with Indian folk, whether it's the kid in braces who sucks at dodgeball in fifth grade or the voice that responds to the frantic lost-card call to Citibank that is routed to India. That slowly is being represented in what we view.

Even better is the fact that a lot of the characters they're playing are just regular people and their ethnicity is not called out.

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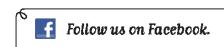
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Mayor Daley speaks Thursday about his new gun control proposal during a news conference at Hamilton Park. NANCYSTONE/TRIBUNE

# Daley outlines rules for gun ownership

#### **Chicago Tribune**

The City Council Police and Fire Committee on Thursday quickly approved a new set of gun control regulations that for the first time in decades would legally allow Chicago residents to keep handguns in their homes for self protection.

The vote in favor of the gun measure came a couple of hours after Mayor Daley unveiled a new ordinance that would require gun owners to register their weapons with the city, get training and keep all but one firearm locked up.

The full City Council will consider the new gun restrictions Friday at a special meeting.

City Hall's fast response aimed at curbing the proliferation of firearms in the city comes after a Supreme Court decision Monday effectively gutted Chicago's longstanding gun ban.

Richard Pearson, executive director of the

Illinois Rifle Association, said his organization would be reviewing the proposal Thursday to determine whether it meets Supreme Court guidelines for "reasonable" gun control.

"It can't be onerous, it can't be too expensive," he said. "It can't be impossible for the average person to do."

Pearson said the city had backed off on limiting the number of handguns to one per qualified person per home and mandating that each handgun owner obtain liability insurance.

The measure, dubbed the "responsible gun ownership" ordinance, also bans gun shops in Chicago.

Under the ordinance, only one firearm can be kept in immediately operable condition in each home. Other guns must be broken down or have trigger locks in place.

#### **DETAILS OF THE PLAN**

A few excerpts from the proposed rules:

- » Handgun owners would need to register all their guns with the city so police know how many weapons are in each home, and would also be required to have a valid Firearm Owner's ID card.
- » Firearms training is required, both in a classroom and a firing range.
- » Chicago residents would be able to register no more than one handgun per month for each adult in a home.
- » The ordinance "generally prohibits the possession of a handgun by any person except in the person's home," according to a city statement.

## IRS analyst: Blago, wife spent \$400K on clothing

#### **Chicago Tribune**

In his battles with the Legislature, former Gov. Rod Blagojevich often claimed that lawmakers were spending the public's money "like drunken sailors."

But he was no slouch with a credit card himself, a financial analyst for the Internal Revenue Service testified Thursday during Blagojevich's federal corruption trial.

IRS agent Shari Schindler peeled back the curtain of the Blagojevich family's personal finances, which reveal a couple that apparently liked to spend, spend, spend.

Schindler reviewed the financial records of Blagojevich during his time as governor and said he and his wife spent more than \$400,000 on clothes during that time frame, more than they spent on the mortgage for his North Side home.

Blagojevich dropped \$205,706 alone with Oxxford, a tailor with a reputation for highend suits. On one day in December 2006, Blagojevich charged \$20,000 with the suit maker, his credit card records showed.

Schindler noted that the expenditures during the six-year time frame did not reflect any money spent on personal vehicles. Blagojevich and his family relied on state cars and drivers to ferry them everywhere.

Schindler also said Blagojevich spent nothing out of his pocket for legal bills. Those expenses, associated with the mounting federal investigations into his administration, were covered by his campaign account.

#### Firework explosion leaves man in critical condition

A pre-holiday firework explosion left a 28-year-old man in critical condition when it blew up in his face late Wednesday night, police said. The explosive had the strength of a quarter stick of dynamite, according to another source.

The accident happened in a park at 82nd Street and Phillips Avenue in the South Chicago neighborhood on the Southeast Side about 11:30 p.m., said Chicago Police News Affairs Officer Amina Greer.

The man had put the firework in a tube in the ground, and when it didn't go off he peered inside to find out why, she said. The explosive detonated, leaving him with severe facial and eve injuries.

The man was taken to Advocate Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn. **TRIBUNE** 

## **Ex-inmate sues Burge**

A man who was sentenced to death and spent more than 21 years in prison for a quintuple murder is suing former Chicago Police Cmdr. Jon Burge and three of his officers for torturing him into giving a false confession.

Burge was convicted earlier this week of perjury in lying about the torture of criminal suspects in the 1970s and '80s in connection with another civil lawsuit.

Ronald Kitchen's federal lawsuit also names as defendants a number of officials whom Kitchen contended knew what Burge was doing, including Mayor Daley, who was Cook County state's attorney for part of the time a jury determined that police were torturing suspects. The suit alleged Daley's office concealed evidence that suspects were being beaten.

Other defendants include former police superintendents Terry Hillard and Leroy Mar-

Kitchen said at a news conference Thursday that he wasn't bringing suit for the possible money but to make it known the abuse he suffered.

"Let it be known that it's not about the money. It's about making those who were supervising and overseeing the city of Chicago take notice," said Kitchen, who spent 21 years



Former death-row inmate Ronald Kitchen (right) speaks with his lawyers Thursday after a news conference at Northwestern University Law School. ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE

in prison, 13 of them on death row.

"It's hard to sit up here and talk about the 21 years stolen from me," he added.

Kitchen said during that period of time that he was wrongfully imprisoned, his brother and other relatives died, and his mother, who was his greatest champion, came down with dementia and does not even understand that he now is a free man.

"She was my sole fighter," Kitchen said. "When I go down to Alabama to see my mother, she don't even know I'm there. That's another blow."

## **Quinn unveils budget cuts**

Gov. Pat Quinn announced budget cuts Thursday that he says will amount to \$1.4 billion, but his administration acknowledged the state will still be \$13 billion short when it starts on the next budget.

"Today I'm making tough budget choices to move our state forward," Quinn said. "I wanted to preserve as many jobs as possible and keep our economic recovery going."

Among the cuts, according to information released by Quinn's office:

» Elementary and high school education is taking a \$241 million hit, mostly in the form of socalled categorical spending instead of general state aid to school districts. The cuts include \$84 million in student transportation and \$68.5 million in reading improvement block

- » Higher education is cut by \$100 million.
- » Human services is trimmed by \$312.6 million. The cuts include reduction or elimination of programs unrelated to Medicaid for people with mental health and developmental disabilities, the documents showed. The time it will take for the state to make payments, already lengthy, will be longer, the document said.

#### **Union brass** calls for talks

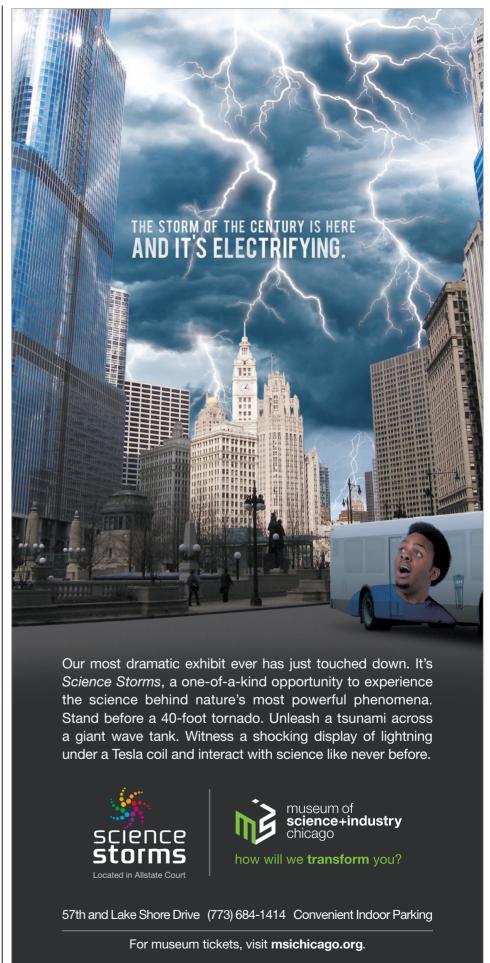
Union officials are calling on local construction firms to return to the negotiating table before next week's scheduled meeting to settle a strike that has shut down work on the Eisenhower Expressway and halted road projects throughout the Chicago area.

#### **Bassist hospitalized** after beating

Matthew Leone, bassist for Chicago band Madina Lake, remained hospitalized Thursday after he was beaten while trying to stop a man from hitting his wife in West Town. Leone, 35, was attacked early Tuesday on the 1300 block of West Ohio Street.

#### 5 overcome by heat at Taste

Five people were treated Thursday after being overcome with heat-related illnesses while standing in line for the Taste of Chicago concert at the Petrillo Music Shell. The heat index in downtown Chicago was around 80 degrees or less most of the day.



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Boats remain in the street Thursday near Bagdad Beach in Matamoros, Mexico, after Hurricane Alex. GETTY IMAGES

### Wilting storm threatens oil cleanup

MIAMI Tropical Storm Alex continued to weaken Thursday as it moved across Mexico, with top sustained winds decreasing to 50 mph, the National Hurricane Center said.

Alex, which had been a hurricane but was downgraded to a tropical storm Thursday after making landfall in Mexico, was dumping heavy rain over Mexico and south Texas, the Hurricane Center said.

Even though Alex was more than 600 miles from the massive BP oil disaster, officials said the storm could affect cleanup efforts for days because it stirred up heavy seas across the Gulf of Mexico.

The storm could prohibit skimming and burning of oil at least until Saturday or Sunday, CNN meteorologist Chad Myers said.

In Mexico, shelters were opened throughout the state of Tamaulipas, the governor's office said in a statement issued Wednesday night.

# Whale of a find

**LIMA** The fossil of a giant whale called Leviathan for having teeth bigger than a grown man's forearms has been found in Peru by paleontologists who on Thursday said it may have been the largest predator to ever roam the seas.

Leviathan Melvillei, which was named after the sea monster in the Bible and the author of "Moby Dick," Herman Melville, is an ancestor of the modern day sperm whale, said Rodolfo Salas, a paleontologist at Peru's Natural History Museum who took part in the study.

"This is an enormous tooth, more or less 14 inches long," Salas said. "The features of the teeth lead us to believe that the Leviathan was a big predator. It has the largest teeth on record."

The fossil of Leviathan was found two years ago and a team of scientists only unveiled the results of their find this week. Leviathan lived roughly 12 million years ago and its teeth were about twice as long as those of the great dinosaur Tyrannosau-

"The Leviathan could have fed on other whales, which were very abundant and diverse in that period," Salas said.

In addition to 10 well-preserved teeth, the team of European and Peruvian paleontologists found the whale's skull and its

The findings were published in the journal Nature and the fossil will soon go on exhibit in Lima.

Salas said the Leviathan may have been



A scientist's assistant compares a fossilized tooth of a giant whale called a Leviathan against the whale's fossilized jaw Wednesday at the Natural History Museum in Lima. The fossil, called a Leviathan because it had teeth bigger than a grown man's forearms, was found in Peru by paleontologists who on Thursday said it may have been the largest predator ever to roam the seas. REUTERS

bigger than one of its contemporaries, the Carcharocles Megalodon, widely regarded as the largest shark that ever lived, at some 65.5 feet in length.

"The Leviathan could have been the biggest predator that has ever lived in the sea, he said.

#### WHERE WAS IT?

The discovery was made in 2008 in the Ocucaje desert in southern Peru, which millions of years ago was the bed of a sea, and an area that has yielded dozens of big discoveries.

#### **Obama pushes** reform for **immigration**

President Obama said Thursday in Washington that his administration will push for an overhaul of the nation's immigration laws, saying the system is "fundamentally broken."

#### **NASA delays** final shuttle mission

NASA announced Thursday that it would move the final launch of Space Shuttle Discovery to February. The reason: delays in processing a final load of spare parts for the International Space

#### **Police review Gore allegation**

Police in Portland, Ore., said Wednesday that they will reopen and investigate a massage therapist's allegations that former Vice President Al Gore sexually assaulted her at a downtown hotel in October 2006.





THE DIGIT That's the price of the supersize version of the Kindle that drops July 7, Amazon announced Thursday. That's a deep cut from the original \$489 price tag as Amazon works to remain competitive in the e-reader market.





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## Bulls talk to Wade, Bosh

#### **Chicago Tribune**

With roughly \$30 million of salary-cap space, the Bulls are not only all in for free agency. They are all encompassing.

Management cast a wide net on the first full day of NBA free agency, while remaining focused on the biggest catches from the deepest pool in league history.

Along those lines, the Bulls met with former Finals most valuable player Dwyane Wade at the United Center on Thursday morning, which the Tribune first reported. Sources from both sides called the nearly two-hour meeting positive.

One source familiar with the talks said the two sides even made light of Wade's comments to the Tribune in late May questioning the organization's loyalty to its stars.

And stars are the goal for any team armed with as much salary-cap space as the Bulls, which is why they are sitting down with Chris Bosh and David Lee separately Friday at the United Center.

Then team Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, senior vice president John Paxson, general manager Gar Forman and coach Tom Thibodeau will fly to Cleveland for their Saturday sitdown with LeBron James, the league's two-time reigning MVP.

The Bulls have received favorable signals that they and the Cavaliers—widely considered the two front-runners to land James, with the Nets third—are making the final presentations.

# WHAT WILL LEBRON DO?

## DECISION DAY NEARS FOR KING JAMES -HE COULD BE WEARING A BULLS UNIFORM NEXT SEASON

By Ryan Smith FOR REDEYE

Tom Barrett firmly believes the chances that LeBron James will be wearing a Bulls jersey next season are exactly 65 percent. "I think LeBron wants to win now, and coming to Chicago will be his best chance at a title," said Barrett, 28, a marketer who lives in Logan Square. "I think 65 percent sounds good."

With the clock officially striking midnight on LeBron James' long-awaited free agency Wednesday, countless Chicagoans suddenly have embraced the role of savvy sports prognosticator—devouring every news bit and rumor about the NBA megastar and speculating about his future. Will he make Chicagoans happy and sign with the Bulls? Will he join Chicago native Dwyane Wade in Miami? Play for buddy Jay-Z in New Jersey?

No one can be sure, but almost everyone has an opinion.

NBA junkie Eric Bryant, 26, of Lincoln Park, calculated the odds of James leaving Cleveland at 80 percent. But he also estimated a 60 percent chance of James landing in Chicago and a 70 percent chance of a signing with Miami.

Never mind the fuzzy math. Trying to follow the twists and turns of the LeBron saga has been confusing for many sports fans.

"I could almost believe he could go to the United Nations at this point," said Matt McHale, 35, who writes for Bulls blog By the Horns. "I've heard so many rumors, it's like my mind has been blasted by LeBron-mania."

James could already claim the title of best basketball player in the world, but since the magical date of July I, the NBA megastar has become the prettiest girl at the biggest free-agent dance in sports history while the rest of us are left to feel like starstruck suitors breathlessly guessing his next move.

"It feels like New Year's Eve to me," said A.J. Barthold, 28, cocreator of **sendlebrontochicago.com**. "I really can't believe after all this time that it's finally here."

Keep the Champagne corked, though, because as of Thursday, LeBron is LeMum about where he's going. The King is holding court in his home state of Ohio, where six teams will visit him during his first three days of free agency: his current Cavs team, the New York Knicks, New Jersey Nets, L.A. Clippers, Miami Heat and, of course, the Bulls.

The Nets and part-owner Jay-Z first met with LeBron on Thursday followed by the Knicks. The Bulls and Cavs are scheduled to talk to LeBron on Saturday.

Chicago has emerged as the front-runner in the LeBron sweep-stakes. Six of eight ESPN hoops experts predicted James would

choose the Windy City. Even Vegas believes it.

According to gambling website **pregame.com**, the odds of James becoming a Bull is 55 percent. The Cavaliers are a distant second at 16 percent.

"It's crazy because the odds were 40-1 he'd come to Chicago when I first made my website," Barthold said.

 $Le Bron\ to\ Chicago\ just\ might\ be\ written\ in\ the\ stars,\ too,\ according\ to\ Carolyn\ Miller,\ owner\ of\ Astrology\ Boutique\ in\ Wicker\ Park.$ 

"When I look at his astrology, the stars seem to say that he'll leave Cleveland. I feel like he's pondering it right now, but he's considering here more than Miami or New York or L.A.," Miller said. "LeBron is a Capricorn, and so he likes challenges and doesn't like to do the same thing all the time."

Miller said James would be most happy if he moved to Chicago. "He has a very similar aura to Michael Jordan, and I think he'd be as good as Jordan if he comes here," she said. "I see lots of shades of gold in his aura, which means prosperity."

John Rowady, president of sports marketing and media agency rEvolution, thinks James will stay in Cleveland.

"I think his priorities are money, where he can win, where he can gain the most marketability and then the community itself," Rowady said. "We don't know what's going on in his head, but this is a business decision, and he seems like a smart businessman."

Derek Miggins, 26, a Cleveland native and Cavs fan who now lives in Lincoln Park, wishes that were true, but believes LeBron will pack up and leave town.

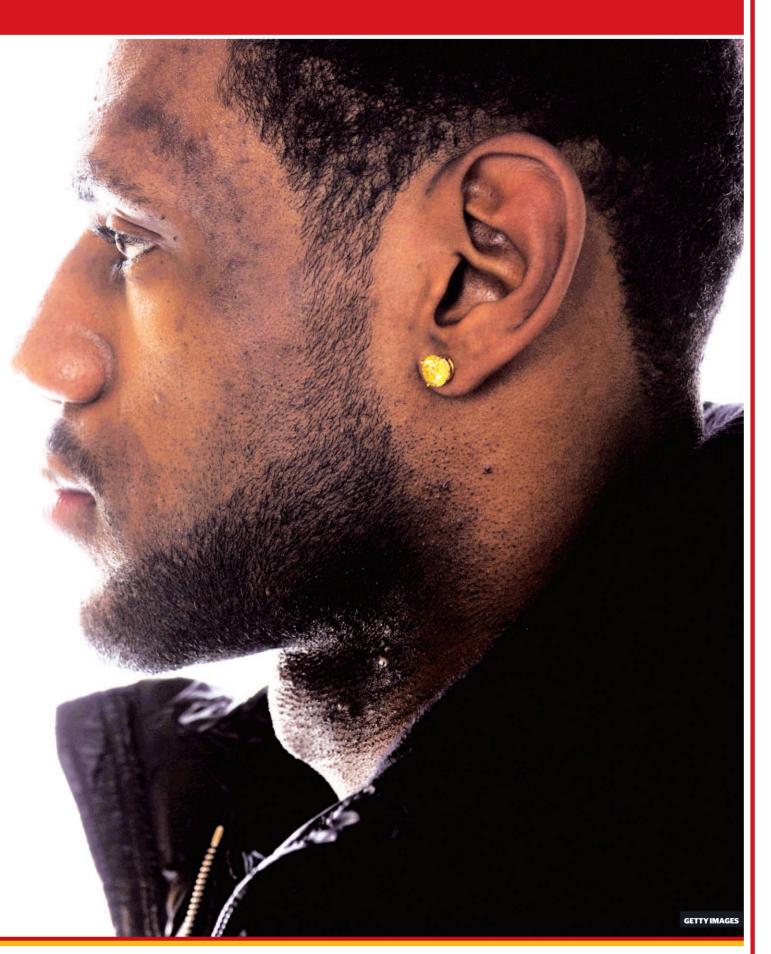
"Being a Cavs fan, I've learned to hope for the best but expect the worst," Miggins said. "The Cleveland fatalist in me says he'll be gone."

Other Chicagoans also are doubtful LeBron will join the Bulls.

"He'll tease us, but he'll end up going maybe to New Jersey," said Will Lacizki, 29, a personal trainer in Bridgeport. "New Jersey has a ton of money and Jay-Z, and they're moving to Brooklyn in a couple years."

Meanwhile, Chicago Fire midfielder Calen Carr has other ideas for James.

"For his sake, I hope he goes to New York, because this town isn't big enough for the two of us," Carr said.



# LeBron, will you go out with us?

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All you're going to hear over the coming days is how this free agent likes you, these guys are coming here, those guys are going there and so-and-so thinks you're cute.

Someone pass a note already. I'm sick of this. I hate that this is what the NBA has become. The entire league



hinges on a couple of free agents and where they're going. That's weak. This league used to mean something—Jordan, Bird, Magic, Barkley. Guys who played for one team.

Now there are a couple of haves and nobody else. That said, the Bulls could be one of the haves. We could have it all.

So, Dear LeBron James:

Cancel all meetings, you're coming here, and you're bringing Chris Bosh. And don't give me any "Michael Jordan's shadow" crap. You're the man. Forget Miami, forget New York. Yes, they can pay you. But none of them offers a chance to play with Derrick Rose and a ready-made team. I mean, we're talking the next seven, eight titles. No one is even close on this one. Book it.

So continue with the charade if you must, but we know where this ends. I'll start making the statue and we'll put it on the other side of the building, problem solved. This is the best thing.

Enough of that.

The best thing in town right now is the NL champion White Sox. White hot, as they say. The problem is, they play in the American League. So, blow away the NL, and then lose two of three from the—ouch—Kansas City Royals. Great, great team. Wrong, wrong league. Thanks for making it fun, though.

As for the Cubs, well, we're going to have to trade Carlos Zambrano and pay his salary. That's how bad it is. Someone call Seattle. Seriously, they took Milton Bradley.

Hey, I'm all for trimming here and there, but someone tell the Blackhawks to leave a team when they're done. Kris Versteeg to the Maple Leafs. I liked him. Hope he got to spend time with the Cup.

BAG BOY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR



LeBron, if you sign with the Bulls, we'll give you a guest spot in this panel, like Willie Holmes. He signed up at redeyechicago.com/5on5.

#### TOPIC

improve?

What's your dream NBA free agency scenario?

Carlos Boozer is to free agents

What move do you want to

see the White Sox make to

The Cubs facing a first-place

team is like ...



Hove you LeBron.

Will you marry me?

I will be outside of your

office awaiting your

response.

in the future.

CHRISTOPHER SOSA

night.

The Bulls share some of their cap space so the Hawks can re-sign Byfuglien and Versteeg.

... flying coach is to airline travel

Bring back nickel beer

Bryant, Anthony. How's that?

NBA? Hmmm, Nowitzki,

SOXMAN

... "Twilight's" Jacob is to Bella: reliable and strong but the second choice.

The only one that matters:

a move into first place.

... Lou Piniella facing the media. You know the meltdown is coming.

Innuendo, allegations of

Move to Detroit.

LeBron comes to Chicago

and we become insepara-

... Miley Cyrus is to barely le-

gal celebrities that I would

like to have sexual relations

THAT GUY

ble best friends.

with

... my nephew's pee-wee soccer team playing in the World Cup

A pack of Livestrong condoms. I wear one at all

**WILLIE HOLMES** 

One that makes me feign interest.

... booze is to practically ev-

ery athlete.

Moving past Minnesota and

Detroit into first place.

... Glass Joe facing Mister Sandman in "Punch-Out."

What will his competitors get Lance Armstrong for his last Tour de France?

But, we will have to go watch the Gators win every Saturday. That is my one condition.

If you say yes, I won't make

you watch any NBA Finals

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... the human ear going up

doping and other smear campaigns like every other vear.

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# Williams

- » Serena Williams defeated unseeded Petra Kvitova in straight sets Thursday to reach her third straight Wimbledon final and sixth overall. The top-ranked Williams pulled away for a 7-6 (5), 6-2 victory.
- »The Cubs extended their losing streak in the opener of a series to 11 games Thursday afternoon with a 3-2, 10-inning loss to Cincinnati at Wrigley Field. The Cubs dropped to a season-low 11 games under .500.



»Tiger Woods is seven shots off the first-round lead after playing his final five holes in 4 over par at the PGA Tour's AT&T National, the tournament he hosted the previous three years.

# HAWKS FLY THE COOP

## MANY PLAYERS WHO LED THE TEAM TO THE CUP ARE GONE—LADD, BURISH THE LATEST TO GO

Hope you have some of those Blackhawks playoffs game on TiVo. Because many of those players are gone after a flurry of trades and moves the Hawks have made to stay under the NHL's salary cap. Here's a look at the players who won't be back in a Blackhawks sweater next year and where they'll be playing. REDEVE



#### **Adam Burish**

Past season: Saw limited action due to a knee injury, but his 'tude and energy often sparked the team. His first game back after being injured, he was fighting within minutes. The Hawks will miss that.

Next season: Dallas Stars



#### **Ben Eager**

Past season: The big man scored eight goals and had 11 assists, but don't forget his spirited rivalry with Philadelphia's Chris Pronger during the Stanley Cup finals.

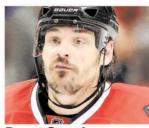
Next season: Suiting up with Big Buff and other ex-Hawks in Atlanta.



#### **Dustin Byfuglien**

Past season: Scored 28 goals and had 22 assists in addition to creating havoc in front of the opposing goal during the playoffs.

**Next season:** He'll join a slew of other former Hawks who were traded to Atlanta.



#### **Brent Sopel**

Past season: Two goals and 12 assists, but he was on the ice for his defense. He was fourth on the team with 120 blocked shots.

**Next season:** Another of the Hawks traded to Atlanta.



#### **Kris Versteeg**

Past season: Perhaps the biggest contributor the Hawks are losing. Sixth on the team in points, he netted 26 goals to go with 32 assists.

Next season: Traded to Toronto.



#### **Colin Fraser**

Past season: Played sporadically in the playoffs, but had seven goals and 12 assists in 70 regular-season games.

**Next season:** Signed a twoyear deal with Edmonton.



Past season: Had 20 goals and 24 assists, but he was limited in the finals due to a shoulder injury. Still, his versatility will be hard to replace.

Next season: In a separate deal, Ladd was traded to—you guessed it—Atlanta.



Matt Pais explores realities of Afghan war with 'Restrepo.'



We're only halfway here, but Metromix nas 2010's best new restaurants so far.

# Party like it's rented

Want to impress your friends with a super sweet July 4 party? Rent!

#### **By Kyra Kyles**

With summer in full effect, and the Fourth of July this weekend, it's high time to open your home to friends, acquaintances and even that one guy with the dirty fingernails who always double-dips each chip.

That's right, people. It's house party time.

RedEye found you can take your event from typical to tastemaker, even if you haven't decorated beyond college-era futons, bartended beyond rum-and-coke or updated your arsenal of home gaming systems since Candyland.

Wannabe party throwers can rent an increasing number of standout additions, from a cocktail mixing machine to a French rustic furniture arrangement.

We lay out some of those items in a big ol' package—consider it something you'd get for a dream party—but you can break out each rental piece a la carte if you like. Packages are arranged from the kinda-cash-strapped budget to a spendy celebration range.

All party rental ideas estimate a 40- to 50-person guest count—again, consider it aspirational—and most do not include the cost of liquor.



mated help with crafting cocktails and an interactive game can combine for an affair to remember.



#### **Drinking partners**

Rent a cocktail-mixing machine (above) for \$185. Set up pre-made margaritas, specialty margaritas, or pina coladas for your guests to guzzle. You even can concoct nonalcoholic cocktails. You'll also need at least a case of drink mix that costs approximately \$85, according to Patrick McNulty from Addison-based equipment rental service Fun Ones. Cost: \$270

**Appetizing Options** 

Cater lightweight appetizers (think: chicken wings, Swedish meatballs) for approximately \$12 per guest, South Side-based event planner Eve Bridgeforth, of Events by Eve, said. Cost: \$480 to \$600



Forget the folding chairs Get benched. Increasingly, locals

are opting for a distressed-looking lounge setup for their home parties. Think the swanky scenario inside Le Passage, according to Martha Olson the general manager and co-owner of West Town-based Tablescapes. Barcelona-style benches (above) are available for \$85 each and can comfortably seat six, said Olson, whose

company rents furniture, table settings, lamps and a variety of décor for personal and corporate parties. If approximately two benches don't offer enough seating space, for another \$35 apiece, rent four suede ottoman cubes that seat one person each. Cost: \$310

#### Game on

Bring the party out back, so you have more to offer your quests than Wii, Xbox or PlavStation-based entertainment. **Budget-friendly** amenities are an option, McNulty said.

Rent Bags (above) at a rate of \$50 each and stage a competition, or launch a tournament with at least six units, McNulty said. Cost: \$100 to \$300

#### Music, music, music

Keep music costs low by hooking your mp3 player or iPod up to some speakers and let the good times roll. Cost: \$0



## Do it like Diddy

Much like the namesake of this category, you love the lavish life. And somewhat like him, you've got the dirty money to spend. So here's what you can do at the upper end of our imagined 40-to 50-person party.

#### **Drinking partners**

Hate lines? Why make your guests deal with it in a home setting? Hire two bartenders for the evening at \$35 per professional, and maybe even add one server to the mix at the same rate. Cost: \$420

#### **Appetizing options**

You can make like George Costanza and gorge on shrimp if you increase your appetizer budget to \$18 per person. Chicken skewers also are available at that rate, Events by Eve's Bridgeforth said. Cost: \$720 to \$900

#### Forget the folding chairs

If you want additional seating that gets your quests thinking they are in a rustic French setting, rent two sets of vintage country French couches (right) for \$350 each, accompanied by two matching chair sets for \$150 each set and distressed coffee table for another \$150. Cost: \$1,150

#### Game on

If shaking what your momma gave you is the centerpiece of your classy shindig, you can rent a dance floor. Oak parquet dance floors are

available at \$13.50 per three-by-three piece, according to Tablescapes' Olson, who said you can get a decent-sized 15-by-15-foot area deliv ered and installed.

James Bond would dig the casino royale you can create with help from Fun Ones. Get one double roulette. one craps and a poker table if you really want your quests to put their (fake) money where their mouth is.

Cost: Double roulette table (\$600)

#### Music, music, music You can hire a talented DJ for

Cost: \$337.50.

approximately \$250 to \$300, according to Bridgeforth. The cost is less when you're entertaining at home,

since fewer speakers are needed in a smaller space, Bridgeforth advised. Cost: \$250 to \$300



# dude/dudette setup with an inflatable



## Bigger-figure budget

up your bash budget to midlevel, here are some options for your party plans.

#### **Drinking partners**

Let your guests be served as they circulate the room. Hire a bartender from a service such as Events a la Carte, and then add a server who will pass around appetizers, bring drinks and engage in light cocktail cleanup. The rate is \$35 per person, server or bartender, according to Events a la Carte's Stephen Lev. Cost: \$280 (before gratuity)

#### **Appetizing Options**

You may want to keep appetizers light and invest in entertainment if

you're on a budget, Bridgeforth said. So stick to the chicken wing, meatball options even if you upgrade the rest of your party. Cost: \$480 to \$600

#### Forget the folding chairs

If you've gone as far as to rent a bartender, you may as well set him or her up in style. Rent a bar, or console, table for \$125, suggests Tablescapes' Olson, who said the tables can be draped in fancy-looking fabric or cloaked in a custom-made cover for \$45. Cost: \$145 to \$170



#### Game on

Got a stash saved up for the party? Try what RedEye would call a supersplurge. Fun Ones rents a mechanical bull for four hours for \$1.195. It also offers a La-Z boy version called the "armchair quarterback" and a surfer

ist, but not quite ready for a DJ? Get a professional turntablist to make you a special CD. Events by Eve's Bridgeforth recently had a client who paid a DJ \$10 apiece for CDs for her birthday party. The professional mix of jazz, neosoul and a steppers' set made the musical experience unique, but inexpensive, Bridgeforth said. Cost: \$40 for four CDs

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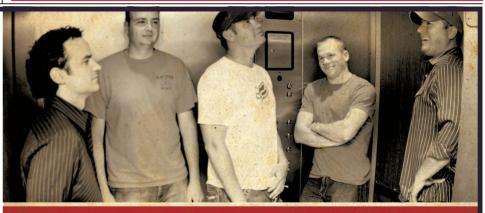
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In May 2007, American soldiers spent a 15-month deployment in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley, regarded as one of the most dangerous places on the planet. The troops' outpost, called Restrepo, is named for a medic killed in action whose jovial confidence en route to Afghanistan is used as bookends

**The buzz:** Co-directed by veteran journalists Tim Hetherington and Sebastian Junger, "Restrepo" isn't the sort of documentary that features a lot of background on the soldiers and their families or how they feel about serving their country. The Sundance award-winning movie simply shows the men focusing and shooting, occasionally bro-

distance takes on startling realness in "Restrepo," whose pulsepounding urgency recalls the fear and anger captured so brilliantly in the Oscar-winning "The Hurt Locker." The doc is nothing if not a triumph of access, even if the interviews pull us out of the combat experience. We see the dread of the men realizing even the best fighter can be killed, and we're there for their brief release during a spontaneous dance party when the bullets stop and the right song comes on. Mostly "Restrepo" is unfussy and unshakable, placing us in the center of a war zone to just watch what happens. MATT PAIS IS THE METROMIX MOVIES PRODUCER.



### WHO'S HOT?

You can help decide by voting in Metromix's "Summer's Hottest Movie Star" poll. Just like in "The Twilight Saga," Robert Pattinson is battling Taylor Lautner in the Elite 8 round. Among the women, Angelina Jolie faces Scarlett Johansson. Whom do you choose? Vote at metromix.com.

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#### **EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)**

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston (847) 492-0123 🕏

- The Blues Brothers (R) ★ 12:01 Midnight Restrepo (R) ★ 12:35.2:50.5:10,7:25,9:45 The Last Airbender (PG) ★ 1:05,3:45,6:15,8:45,11:20 The Last Airbender 3D (PG) ★ 11:55,2:30,5:00,7:35,10:15

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  I Am Love (R) ★ 1:55,4:50,7:40,10:25

  Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work (R) ★ 12:05,4:45,9:35

  The Karate Kid (PG) 12:40,3:50,7:00,10:05

  Knight and Day (PG-13) ★ 11:45,2:35,5:10,7:50,10:35

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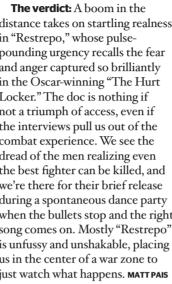
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#### DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE) 4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Č (773) 784-0893

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Show times change daily

- The Last Airbender (PG) ◆10:05.12:50.3:45.6:30.9:30.12:25 ■ The Last Airbender 3D (PG) 9:35,11:05,1:50,2:50, 4:45.7:30.8:30.10:30
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- Get Him to the Greek (R) ◆ 10:50,1:50,4:40,10:30 The Karate Kid (PG) 9:45,1:00,4:10,7:30,10:40
- Sex and the City 2 (R) ◆ 7:15 P.M.
- Solitary Man (R) 1:25,7:20 Iron Man 2 (PG-13) 10:25,4:00.9:45

#### SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC) 7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicagi (800) 326-3264 #2309

- The Last Airbender (PG) 10:25,12:55,3:30,6:10,8:50,11:30 ■ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 10:00,11:00, 11:30,12:00,1:00,2:00,2:30,3:00,4:00,5:00,5:30,6:00,7:00,8:00,8:30,
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#### **WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)**

- Inception (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
- 9:00,10:00,10:30,11:00
- Knight and Day (PG-13) 11:15,1:50,4:40,7:10,10:05

#### **SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)**

- The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 9:15,10:00, 10:45,12:15,1:00,1:45,3:15,4:00,4:45,6:15,7:00,7:45,9:15,10:00.10:45
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## dining Why wait until December? We're tipping our hat to 5 favorites now By M. Kathleen Pratt The problem with year-end "best of" lists is that by the time they're published, half the spots mentioned have been toiling away for close to 12 months before we let

them know we like what we

see. So we're pausing

halfway through

the year (yes, it's

July already)

to recognize

2010's rising

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best bars so far this year

some of

stars.

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1414 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-342-1414

Without another Indian restaurant in sight-and just one other Nepalese restaurant in the entire city-this Wicker Park newcomer could have gotten by with much less. Instead, it's turning out diligent preparations of Indian favorites alongside lesser-known Nepalese specialties (two words to remember: goat chhoela) that make it as destination-worthy as any place on Devon Avenue



**Gilt Bar** 

230 W. Kinzie St. 312-464-9544

One taste of the buttery cornbread (yes. cornbread) at this River North newcomer, and we knew we had a serious contender on our hands. Then we tried chef Brendan Sodikoff's hand-cut pork meatballs (right), and we were almost ready to call the whole game early. Service can feel rushed and even offhanded, but after a handcrafted cocktail from the bar in front of us, we don't care.



**Floriole Cafe & Bakery** 

1220 W. Webster Ave. 773-883-1313

Is Webster Avenue Chicago's hot new foodie destination? OK, maybe not quite yet. But the new retail location of this longtime farmers market fave, coupled with the late-



2009 debut of Kith & Kin across the street, indicates there's still hope for serious eaters in Lincoln Park. Here, it comes

> in the form of gooey pecan sticky buns, irresistible French macaroons and perfect little savory tarts.



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#### Franks 'n' Dawgs

1863 N. Clybourn Ave. 312-281-5187

Gourmet sausages. It's so simple, really. Yet no one's done it quite like this until now. (No, not even Hot Doug's, which isn't a good comparison anyway because Doug's-which we also adore-doesn't make sausages on site.) Case in point: a house-made veal sausage prepared percik-style with a Malaysian curry blend, topped with crunchy almonds, sweet date chutney and carrot-ginger aioli and served on a buttery split bun from Nicole's Bake Shop. M. KATHLEEN PRATT IS THE METROMIX DINING PRODUCER. KPRATT@TRIBUNE.COM



#### The Purple Pig .....

500 N. Michigan Ave. 312-464-1744

Technically this pork-centric. Mediterraneanleaning Mag Mile spot opened in the final days of 2009. But since that kept it out of any end-of-year wrap-ups, we're claiming it for 2010. Not that it really matters—with serious bang-for-your-buck dishes such as milkbraised pork shoulder (below), balsamicbraised pigs tails and olive oil-poached tuna, we'll be talking about this place for years.



#### TWO TO WATCH

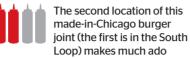
Ruxbin Kitchen (851 N. Ashland Ave. 312-624-8509). This tiny Noble Square BYOB has only a couple of weeks under its belt, but if first impressions really are everything, we're sold. From the inventive but honest flavors to the trippy decor, we're smitten; if the trio of first-time restaurateurs behind the place can keep service and flow on point, we'll be going steady by fall.

Black Dog Gelato (859 N. Damen Ave. 773-235-3116). It's been open only a week, but based on owner Jessie Oloroso's track record (she had a great run at Scylla, Stephanie Izard's first Chicago restaurant, and has been churning out unforgettable gelati for restaurants under the Black Dog banner ever since), we doubt the opening crowds are going to subside anytime soon.



#### **Epic Burger**

1000 W. North Ave. 312-440-9700



about its all-natural approach, displaying the tagline, "A more Mindful burger" on the sign that hangs over the entrance to its new strip-mall location just off North Avenue. But is a more mindful burger a better burger? I set out to find the answer

#### **BURGERELLI'S BREAKDOWN**

The burger: I had the highest hopes for these irregularly shaped, hand-formed patties (\$5.99), which are thinner than a typical pub burger but are thicker than a corporate fast-food patty. After all. the menu makes much fuss about its all-natural, antibiotic- and hormone-free state. But why, oh why, are they cooked to a dull, gray-brown well by default?

The bun: Ho hum. The whole wheat option is refreshing. (White buns also are available.)

The fixings: Highlights are thick strips of nitrate-free bacon (99 cents extra); a choice between grilled or raw onions; crinkle-cut pickles, sliced lengthwise. The lowlight: A fried egg (69 cents extra) with a fully cooked yolk. Organic and cage-free or not, an overcooked egg still is an overcooked egg.

Everything else: How could one possibly go wrong with fries (\$1.99) cooked in transfat-free oil and sprinkled with sea salt? By letting them soak in transfatfree oil until they're limp, apparently.

Burgerelli's bottom line: I tip my hat to the good intentions; the execution falls short.

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North Side: Between Montrose Beach (4400 N. Lake Shore Drive) and Foster Avenue Beach (5200 N. Lake Shore Drive)

Navy Pier: 600 E. Grand Ave.

Fireworks start at 9 p.m. at each location.

#### **4TH OF JULY WEEKEND BASHES**

#### **BULL & BEAR**

11 a.m. Fri.-Sun.: DJs spin all weekend, themed drink specials include \$2 iello shots and \$4-\$5 red, white and blue drinks; 431 N. Wells St. 312-527-5973.

#### **DISTRICT BAR**

3 p.m. Sat.: Uncle Sam Jam. This Independence Day party features \$5 Sam Adams drafts and \$6 Jameson cocktails and Absolut lemonades; 170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477.

#### **DIVISION ALE HOUSE**

11 a.m. Sun.: Get picnic-inspired fare such as \$7.95 pulled pork sandwiches with habanero-barbecue sauce and two sides and \$1 discounts on all drafts of domestic craft beer; 1942 W. Division St. 773-384-6886.

#### **HUR 51**

11 a.m. Sat., 10 a.m. Sun.: Get \$1 cans of American beer all weekend Sunday brunch (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) features red, white and blue specials such as blueberry pancakes; 51 W. Hubbard St. 312-828-0051.

#### JOHN BARLEYCORN

11 a.m. Sat., 9 a.m. Sun.: Get \$5 bloody marys made with 4 Rebels vodka, \$18 Bud Light buckets and \$1 sliders all weekend. On Sunday, feast on the \$12 all-you-can-eat barbecue buffet (3-9 p.m.); 658 W. Belden Ave. 773-348-8899.

#### MAC'S

11 a.m. Sat.-Sun.: In addition to the regular drink specials, get summer fare such as a \$7 watermelon, arugula and fennel salad, \$2 corn on the cob and \$10 half-barbecue chicken with baked beans and slaw: 1801 W. Division St. 773-782-4400.

#### **MCDUNNA'S**

11 a.m. Fri.-Sun.: Celebrate the holiday weekend with \$1 Malort shots or domestic bottles, \$2 Uncle Sam shots and \$4 Jameson shots or cherry bombs. Food specials include \$1 hot dogs and \$5 burgers or chicken sandwiches: 1505 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-929-0944.

#### **MINIBAR ULTRA LOUNGE AND CAFE**

5 p.m. Sat.: A \$20 foodand-drink package includes all the grilled fare you can eat, plus a pitcher of spiked lemonade. 3341 N. Halsted St. 773-871-6227.

#### O'DONOVAN'S

11 a.m. Fri.-Sun.: 4th of July at O'Donovan's. Get deals on red, white and blue cocktails. including \$5 pink and blue frozen lemonades, \$6 blueberry mojitos and \$5 bombs. Food specials change daily; 2100 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-478-2100.

#### **THE PONY**

8:30 p.m. Fri.: Thomas Nicholas Band. Actor Thomas Ian Nicholas ("American Pie " "Rookie of the Year") debuts songs from his band's new

album. Stop by early for half-price appetizers (4-8 p.m.) and catch an opening set by Marc Cogman (8 p.m.). Drink specials include \$4 Corona, Corona Light and Negra Modelo bottles; 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.

#### **ROCKIT BAR & GRILL**

10 a.m. Sat.-Sun.: Get bourbon barbecue baby back pork ribs with sweet potato fries and slaw for \$14 (halfrack) or \$22 (full rack) all weekend; 3700 N. Clark St., 773-645-4400.

#### **ZELLA**

11 a.m. Sun: Get a special Effen patriot cocktail (\$3.50) made with cranberry, vodka and blue curacao, in addition to the usual Sunday offerings: \$20 for a brunch entree and mimosas, \$3 cocktails and \$3 Miller Lite and Coors Light bottles and drafts. 1983 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-549-2910.

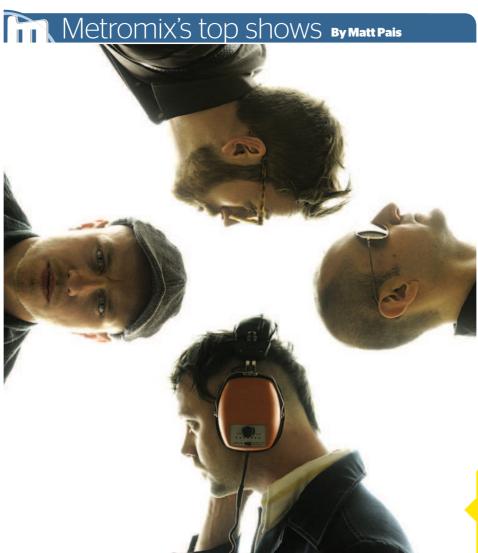


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#### TASTE OF CHICAGO: PASSION PIT. ROBERT RANDOLPH AND THE FAMILY BAND

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#### THE LONELIEST MONK

Metromix Rock 'n' Vote 2009 finalists play a release show for their dramatic debut full-length. With Aleks Eva, Hollows.

9 p.m. Fri. \$10. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

#### **COLOMBIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL:** "CARPACHO" MARIN AND YANKATINO

And the massive monthlong fest is under way. 7:30 p.m. Sat. Free. Las Tablas, 4920 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-202-0999.

#### AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL **FESTIVAL OF LIFE: SHAGGY**

Like that doesn't sound like fun? Other headliners include Gramps Morgan, Calypso Rose and Alison Hinds.

Noon. Fri.-Mon. \$5-\$15; \$30 four-day pass. Check metromix.com for schedule. Washington Park, 5500 S. Cottage Grove Ave. 312-427-0266.

#### **DEADMAU5. BRAZILIAN GIRLS. DESIGNER DRUGS, GHETTO DIVISION.** WILLY JOY, TEAM BAYSIDE HIGH, MIDNIGHT CONSPIRACY, WAVELENGTH, BRENT BREWER AND AGENT 47, RYAN B AND DJ ROZZ

Holiday weekend dance party!

5 p.m. Fri. \$35-\$45 (clubtix.com). Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive, 312-747-1285.

#### THE STREETS ON FIRE

Another Rock 'n' Vote band, another release show for a strong new record. With Big Science, Blah Blah Blah, John Rambo and the Vietnam Wars.

9 p.m. Fri. \$10. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

#### MORE WEEKEND CONCERT PICKS

#### FRIDAY

#### **AMFRICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL**

4:30 p.m. \$30-\$35; fourday pass: \$100. Check metromix.com for schedule. FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn. 708-788-2118.

#### **DEREK NEI SON** AND THE MUSICIANS, **POOL OF FROGS, PSYCHIC FRIENDS**

10 p.m. \$7. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

#### KATIE TODD BAND, **GABRIELLE SCHAFER** AND AARON RESTER

9 p.m. \$10. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

**MAZES, HOTEL BROTHERHOOD** 10 p.m. \$8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433

#### **STREETLIGHT MANIFESTO,** THE SUPERVILLAINS. THE WONDER YEARS. **DAN POTTHAST**

6:15 p.m. \$17. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203 773-549-0203.

#### SUMMERFEST: **AMERICAN IDOLS** LIVE!: DIDI BENAMI. **CRYSTALBOWERSOX, LEE DEWYZE, MORE**

7:30 p.m. \$52.30-\$77.95. Marcus Amphitheater, 200 N. Harbor Drive, Milwaukee, Wis. 800-745-3000.

#### **TOMMY LEE AND DJ AERO**

9 p.m. \$15. LaSalle Power Co., 500 N. La Salle St. 312-226-9950.

#### **SATURDAY**

#### **BROOKE WAGGONER. DIGNAN**

10 p.m. \$10. Schubas. 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

#### **DAVE MATTHEWS** RAND

7 p.m. \$40-\$75. Alpine Valley Music Theatre, 2699 Highway D, East Troy, Wis. 877-598-8703.

#### THE EMBRACEABLES, THE DIRTY DIA-MONDS, NIKKI 'N' TEK

9:30 p.m. \$8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

#### THE HEAVY, DIRTY **DIAMONDS, DJ MISA**

10 p.m. \$14. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

#### SILVERSUN PICKUPS. AGAINST ME! THE **HENRY CLAY PEOPLE**

6:30 p.m. \$30. Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-561-9500.

8 p.m. \$35-\$55. Star Plaza Theatre, 8001 Delaware Pl.. Merrillville, Ind. 219-769-6600.

#### SUNDAY

#### **DAVE MATTHEWS** BAND, ZAC BROWN **BAND**

7 p.m. \$40-\$75. Alpine Valley Music Theatre, 2699 Highway D, East Troy, Wis. 877-598-8703.

**SUMMERFEST: CAR-**RIE UNDERWOOD.

#### **SONS OF SYLVIA**

7:30 p.m. \$52.30-\$77.95. Marcus Amphitheater, 200 N. Harbor Drive, Milwaukee, Wis. 800-745-3000.

#### **TINY VIPERS,** THE SIGHT BELOW, THE SPEND

9:30 p.m. \$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

#### THE TREASURE FLEET, BANDIT **TEETH, BABY BIRDS** DON'T DRINK MILK, MICHAEL MICHAEL MOTORCYCLE 8 p.m. \$7. Ronny's,

2101 N. California Ave. mpshows.com

#### **MONDAY**

**BASTARD NOISE. MILLIONS, WINTERS** 

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8 p.m. \$10. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. mpshows.com

#### NORREPORT, THE GLOBES, GOOD **WORK JOHNSON**

10 p.m. \$10. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

#### RUSH

7:30 p.m. \$40-\$125. Charter One Pavilion at Northerly Island, 1300 S. Linn White Drive. 877-598-8703.

#### THE THERMALS, **DISAPPEARS**

6:30 p.m. Free. Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park. 201 E. Randolph St. 312-742-1168.

## Ticketbooth Your on-sale conert guide

#### ON SALE 9 A.M. FRIDAY

**The Bridge,** Friday, July 16 (\$10, 21+) at FitzGerald's.

Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas, Saturday, July 17 (\$12, 21+) at FitzGerald's.

**Special Consensus,** Wednesday, July 21 (\$10, 21+) at FitzGer-

#### ON SALE 10 A.M. FRIDAY

Rodney Carrington, Thursday, Oct. 21

Thursday, Oct. 21 (\$49.75, all ages) at Rialto Square Theatre, Joliet.

#### ON SALE NOON FRIDAY

The 1900s, White Mystery, Friday, Aug. 27 (\$10, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

**David Bazan, The Mynabirds,** Thursday,
Sept. 16 (\$15, 18+) at
Lincoln Hall.

Hot Hot Heat, Friday, Sept. 10 (\$15, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.



**Shonen Knife,** Tuesday, Sept. 21 (\$14, 21+) at Schubas.

Mark Olson, Friday, Sept. 17 (\$15, 21+) at Schubas.

**The Parlotones,** Monday, Sept. 20 (\$12, 21+) at Schubas.

**Teenage Fanclub,** Tuesday, Oct. 5, Wednesday, Oct. 6 (\$20, 21+) at Lincoln

#### ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

Hall.

**Dirk Quinn Band,** Monday, Aug. 9 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door. The English Beat, Bad Manners, Chris Murray, Friday, Aug. 13 (\$25, 21+) at Double Door.

**Gary Numan,** Tuesday, Oct. 26 (\$26, 18+) at Metro.

Ra Ra Riot, Tuesday, Oct. 5 (\$19, 18+) at Metro.

Tom Tom Club, Caravan of Thieves, Tony Castles, Tuesday, Sept. 28 (\$21-\$25, 18+) at Metro.

Valient Thorr, Junius, Howl, Thursday, Sept. 30 (\$10, 21+) at Double Door.

#### **ON SALE NOW**

Field Music, Sunday, Oct. 3 (\$12, 17+) at Beat Kitchen

**The Fold, Scissors, Duvall,** Saturday, July 24 (\$9, all ages) at Metro.

Girl in a Coma, Sunday, Sept. 12 (\$10-\$12, 17+) at Beat Kitchen.

Love of Everything, Sunday, Aug. 22 (\$8, 21+) at Beat Kitchen.

Rhythm Devils, Sunday, Aug. 22 (\$25-\$34, 17+) at House of Blues.

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Kanye West is being sued for allegedly modeling "Stronger" off a previous song. Gut feeling: Is he guilty?

Here are some answers we liked from Facebook. Follow @mmxmusic and watch for our next question!

#### **Daniella Peting**

One work...Karma. Remember Taylor Swift? Yeah...that's right.

#### **Matt Krafcky**

Rappers are commonly known to rip off other artist's material to make theirs more fresh because they can't come up with anything original. I think it's silly he's getting sued for this.

#### **Becky Suess**

The only thing Kanye is guilty of is being obnoxious.

#### **Adriana Guerrero**

Musical artists from ALL genres are known to "rip off" other material. This dates back as far as the days of Elvis, who ripped off alot of R&B material and the Beach Boys whom I believe were successfully sued by Chuck Berry....

#### Smokkee Singleton

A previous song of Kanye's? Nope. If that was the case, Kanye would have rushed the stage when Kanye was performing it; yall know how he does things!!

#### **Michael Andrews**

Music as a whole these days is rehashed garbage. There is nothing truly original. Kanye guilty as a person, NO. Most likely by association.

#### **Twana Hatter**

That's just Stupid! Who actually Does orginal music anyway? The Music Industry would have to sue this entire generation! PLEAZE!!!

#### Jillianne Sylvia Arden Martinez

yes.



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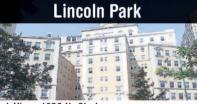


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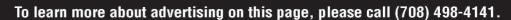
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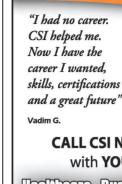
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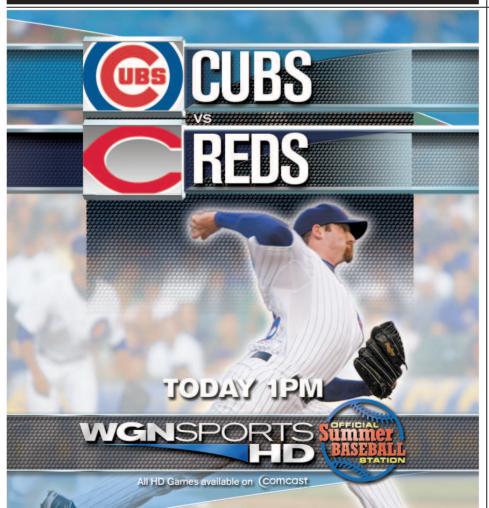
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THE WEEK IN CELEBRITY NEWS

By Emily Rosenbaum Maka/RedEye

# TATS, FREAKS & TEARS

#### SILLY



#### **Desperate for** some attention

Jon Gosselin must be reading "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," because he recently got a giant dragon tat on his back." I wanted something that resembled a rebirth or a change in me," the former reality show dad told radaronline.com. To me, it looks like he got a tacky Ed Hardy T-shirt tattooed on his body. Ridiculous

#### **STRANGE**



#### Sob story

A "backstage source" has told usmagazine.com that Chris Brown applied some sort of tear-inducing eye drops before his big meltdown on the BET Awards on Sunday. There has been much speculation that Brown faked his distress during the Michael Jackson tribute to elicit sympathy from the public. It would take more than eye drops to create such a believable performance.



#### Freak out

"Freaks and Geeks" and "Undeclared," two brilliant but short-lived TV series from Judd Apatow, are heading to IFC. The network has picked up the rights to air repeats of both in full, which includes 18 episodes from "Geeks," debuting Friday. The 17 episodes-including one previously unseen-from "Undeclared" will bow on IFC in the fall, tvquide.com reports. Here's your chance to make the universe right and watch these great



#### A real head-turner

"True Blood" fans have been buzzing all week about a startlingly violent and disturbing scene between vampire Bill and his maker, Lorena. Remember when the possessed girl twisted her head around in "The Exorcist"? Well, this was like that, except Bill was twisting Lorena's head around. Whoa. There have been some kinky sex scenes in "Blood," but this one took things to a whole



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#### Take the money & run

Ricky Gervais, who co-created and starred in the original "The Office" and executive produces NBC's show, says Steve Carell is doing the right thing by leaving. Gervais writes on his blog that it's tempting to urge Carell to hang around, "but the truth is, I believe he is doing the right thing. ... He should move on, continue to do great work, and buy a new house every time 'The Office' is repeated somewhere." Syndication is a beautiful thing.

#### **Head games**

Kanye West has released the artwork for his "Power" single. It features an Excalibur-like sword stuck through what appears to be Kanye's decapitated head. The head wears a crown. Is Ka



ed head. The head wears a crown. Is Kanye responding to Taylor Lautner knocking off a faux head with West's image on it on "Saturday Night Live," or does he simply think he's an embattled king? You decide.

#### Cough, cough

Chicago is getting hit with a "Contagion." That's the name of Steven Soderbergh's 3-D action-thriller that he plans to partly film in mid-October in the Windy City with Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Marion Cotillard, Jude Law, Kate Winslet and Laurence Fishburne, **reelchicago.com** reports. "Contagion" follows an international team of doctors who fight a deadly outbreak.

#### **Spidey star**

Andrew Garfield, a relative unknown, will be the next Peter Parker. Sony Pictures announced Thursday that the Brit will be in the new "Spider-Man" reboot. The new film will be an "origin" story that focuses on the young Parker as he first discovers his spidey powers, the AP reports. Garfield co-starred in "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus."

Pee-wee's newest adventure

Paul Reubens and Judd Apatow are teaming up. Variety reports Reubens is preparing a new Pee-wee Herman movie to be produced by Apatow. The announcement has a lot of people wondering what such a collaboration will yield—"not the least of which is me," Reubens told The New York Times on Thursday. Reubens said Apatow is "more interested in something closer, in the same vein and the same genre as 'Big Adventure.'"



Jolie good time

Angelina Jolie has been missing of late on the red carpet, but now she's back. The beauty is in Mexico to promote "Salt." Jolie looked very skinny in a strapless, white Versace dress Wednesday during a promotional visit in Cancun. Kids Maddox Pax Zahara and Shiloh accompanied their mom south of the border, usmagazine.com reports.

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Vamping it up

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- 1. "Spider-Man 2"
- 2. "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen"
- 3. "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"

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That's the record-breaking amount "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" made in its first day in theaters Wednesday, a record for a midweek debut.

